

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: June 29, 2005

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk; and, Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Work Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Judge Robert Duber II led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order.

The elected officials presented their FY 2005-2006 budget requests to the Board, as listed below.

Robert Duber II, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, introduced his key staff present at the meeting. He stated that the Superior Court is the third branch of State government. He also stated that many of the Superior Court divisions and departments are co-funded with the State of Arizona and explained some of those areas. Judge Duber also explained some of the budget areas that have been corrected from last year's budget.

Chairman Sanchez stated that before the elected officials begin their presentations, he called on Mr. Besich to explain the ground rules for this meeting. Mr. Besich stated that no decisions would be made by the Board at this time; this was simply a time for each elected official to publicly present their budget requests to the Board. Upon the completion of each presentation,

the meeting would be then be open for questions by the Board. The Board will take all requests under advisement, and at a future meeting the finance group will present the Board with an executive-type budget.

Judge Duber called on Mary Hawkins, Superior Court Administrator, to present the Superior Court budgets.

• **Superior Court - Division One**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Superior Court- Division One Mary Hawkins	\$203,846	\$202,881	\$11,619	\$214,500

Mary Hawkins requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for Superior Court-Division One: \$10,654 for salaries and benefits; \$600 for equipment under \$5,000; and, \$365 for vehicle fuel and oil. The total for all requested increases is \$11,619.00.

• **Superior Court - Division Two**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Superior Court- Division Two Mary Hawkins	\$188,507	\$188,507	\$10,524	\$199,031

Ms. Hawkins requested the following additional increase be added to the base budget for Superior Court-Division Two: \$10,254 for salaries and benefits.

• **Superior Court - General**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Superior Court- General Mary Hawkins	\$721,748	\$710,748	\$77,024	\$787,772

Ms. Hawkins requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Superior Court-General: \$55,624 for salaries and benefits; \$1,700 for rent/lease office equipment; \$3,500 for travel-routine; \$1,200 for travel-per diem; and, \$15,000 for capital outlay/office equipment. The total for

all requested increases is \$77,024. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Hawkins for the presentations.

• **Superior Court - Special Revenue Funds**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
IV-D Case Proc. Mary Hawkins	--	--	\$ 2,050	\$ 2,050
Law Library	\$96,113	\$95,713	\$ 1,962	\$ 97,675
Conciliation Court	\$78,550	\$80,275	\$ 135	\$ 80,410
Payson Court Commissioner	--	--	\$121,718	\$121,718
Drug Enforcement	--	--	\$ 34,078	\$ 34,078
Domestic Relations/Mediation	--	--	\$ 2,765	\$ 2,765
Children's Issues Education	--	--	\$ 9,050	\$ 9,050
Local Aid to Indigent Defense	--	--	\$ 8,550	\$ 8,550
Local Aid to Courts	--	--	\$ 23,400	\$ 23,400
Local Probate Processing	--	--	\$ 21,300	\$ 21,300
State Aid to Courts	--	--	\$ 72,900	\$ 72,900
Field Trainer	--	--	\$ 24,787	\$ 24,787
Cost of Prosecution	--	--	\$140,000	\$140,000
DES Access/Visitation	--	--	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Indigent Defense Extraordinary	\$48,500	\$48,500	--	\$ 48,500
Court Improvement Project	--	--	\$ 16,885	\$ 16,885
Court Clerk JCEF Surcharge	--	--	\$ 35,450	\$ 35,450
Expedited Child Support/Visitation	--	--	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Aid to Indigent Defense	--	--	\$120,250	\$120,250

Ms. Hawkins requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Superior Court-Special Revenue Funds, as follows:

- IV-D Case Processing - Fund 119 - \$2,050 for salaries.
- Law Library - Fund 120 - \$1,962 (\$1,562 for salaries and benefits; \$300 for computer maintenance/support; and, \$100 for office supplies).
- Conciliation Court - Fund 128 - \$135 (\$60 for memberships; \$25 professional services/other; and, \$50 for telephone.)

- Payson Court Commissioner - Fund 142 - \$121,718 (\$39,386 for salaries and benefits; \$25,000 for court reporter fees; \$500 for office supplies expense; \$45,832 for unclassified expense; \$7,000 for travel-routine; \$3,000 for travel-per diem; and, \$1,000 training).
- Drug Enforcement – Fund 185 - \$34,078 for salaries and benefits.
- Domestic Relations/Mediation – Fund 186 - \$2,765 for professional services-courts.
- Children’s Issues Education – Fund 199 - \$9,050 for professional services-courts.
- Local Aid to Indigent Defense – Fund 217 - \$8,550 for unclassified expense.
- Local Aid to Courts – Fund 218 - \$23,400 for unclassified expense.
- Local Probate Processing – Fund 219 - \$21,300 for professional services-courts.
- State Aid to Courts – Fund 221 - \$72,900 for unclassified expense.
- Field Trainer – Fund 223 - \$24,787 for salaries and benefits.
- Cost of Prosecution – Fund 226 - \$140,000 for salaries and benefits.
- DES Access/Visitation – Fund 227 - \$6,000 for professional services-courts.
- Indigent Defense Extraordinary – Fund 243 – No increase.
- Court Improvement Project – Fund 246 - \$16,885 (\$13,975 for salaries and benefits, and \$2,910 for professional services).
- Court Clerk JCEF Surcharge – Fund 353 - \$35,450 (\$14,000 for computer hardware/maintenance and \$21,450 for unclassified expense).
- Expedited Child Support/Visitation – Fund 477 - \$3,500 for unclassified expense.
- Aid to Indigent Defense – Fund 484 - \$120,250 (\$16,000 for indigent legal attorney contract and \$104,250 for unclassified expense).

- **Superior Court - Indigent Legal Defense**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Superior Court- Indigent Legal Defense Mary Hawkins	\$1,025,551	\$1,028,544	\$215,734	\$1,244,278

Ms. Hawkins requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Superior Court-Indigent Legal Defense: \$198,000 for dependency attorneys; \$3,084 for witness/interpreter; and, \$14,650 for steno/transcript. The total for all requested increases is \$215,734. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Hawkins for the presentations.

• **Clerk of the Superior Court**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Clerk of the Superior Court Anita Escobedo	\$994,794	\$942,470	\$170,520	\$1,112,990

Anita Escobedo, Clerk of the Superior Court, requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Clerk of the Superior Court: \$104,163 for salaries and benefits; \$4,410 for professional services; \$3,825 for printing/publishing/advertising; \$8,600 for jury fees; \$22,836 for computer maintenance/support-software; \$17,170 for computer hardware maintenance; \$4,216 for maintenance of office equipment; \$3,000 for office supplies; \$1,000 for travel-routine; \$750 for travel-per diem; \$250 for vehicle fuel and oil; and, \$300 for other auto parts. The total for all requested increases is \$170,520.

• **Clerk of the Superior Court – Special Revenue Funds**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Cost of Prosecution	\$20,777	\$20,777	\$11,000	\$31,777
Document Conversion	\$21,509	\$21,059	\$20,108	\$41,167

Ms. Escobedo requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Clerk of the Superior Court-Special Revenue Funds, as follows:

- Cost of Prosecution - Fund 126 - \$11,000 for salaries.

- Expedited Child Support – Fund 192 – No increase. \$10,598 balance can only be used to expedite the processing of child support cases. (Account is not listed above.)
- Document Conversion – Fund 157 - \$20,108 (\$10,108 for salaries and benefits and \$10,000 for professional services/microfilm).
- Child Support Automation – Fund 166 – No increase as this account is no longer funded. \$216 balance will be used in 2005/06 and the account will be closed. (Account is not listed above.)
- Spousal Maintenance – Fund 170 – No increase. \$3,982 balance can only be used to enhance enforcement of spousal maintenance orders. (Account is not listed above.)

Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Escobedo for the presentations.

• **Probation Department**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Probation Department Dr. Hellen Carter	\$774,070	\$748,070	\$59,561	\$807,631

Dr. Hellen Carter, Chief Probation Officer, requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Probation Department: \$33,561 for salaries and benefits; \$10,000 for rent/lease/office equipment; \$10,000 for telephone; \$1,000 for other general services; \$3,000 for maintenance/office machines; and, \$2,000 for office supplies. The total for all requested increases is \$59,561.

• **Juvenile Detention Center**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Juvenile Detention Center Dr. Hellen Carter	\$1,062,337	\$1,062,337	\$22,345	\$1,084,682

Dr. Carter requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Juvenile Detention Center: \$22,345 for salaries. Chairman Sanchez thanked Dr. Carter for the presentations.

• **Superior Court - MIS (Management Information System) Department**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
MIS Department Eloise Price	\$292,079	\$292,198	\$15,420	\$307,618

Eloise Price, Director of MIS, requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the MIS Department: \$2,035 for salaries; \$50 for postage/freight; \$500 for rent/lease of office equipment; \$11,835 for computer maintenance-hardware; and, \$1,000 for travel-routine. The total for all requested increases is \$15,420. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Price for the presentation.

• **Globe Regional Justice Court**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Globe Regional Justice Court Patty Nolan	\$484,029	\$480,329	\$25,597	\$505,926

Patty Nolan, Globe Regional Justice of the Peace, requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Globe Regional Justice Court: \$21,897 for salaries and benefits and \$3,700 for memberships/dues/subscriptions. The total for all requested increases is \$25,597. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Nolan for the presentation.

• **Payson Regional Justice Court**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Payson Regional Justice Court Dorothy Little	\$407,682	\$381,090	\$53,456	\$434,546

Dorothy Little, Payson Regional Justice of the Peace, requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Payson Regional Justice Court: \$33,006 for salaries and benefits; \$50 for membership/dues/subscriptions; \$10,600 for other professional services; \$1,000 for maintenance office equipment; \$1,000 for office supplies; \$6,300 for credit card reimbursement; \$500 for travel-routine; and, \$1,000 for training/schools expense. The total for all requested increases is \$53,456. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Little for the presentation.

Judge Peter Cahill, followed by Judge Duber concluded their presentation by presenting information to the Board on many of the issues facing the court system, such as the increase in the number of children without parents, the affect of drug-related incidents increasing court cases, the expense and problems involved with maintaining offices in two locations, Globe and Payson, security issues, and imposing local fees.

At 12:12 p.m. Chairman Sanchez called for a recess.

At 1:18 p.m. Chairman Sanchez reconvened the meeting which began with a presentation by Linda O'Dell, School Superintendent.

• **School Superintendent**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
School Superintendent Linda O'Dell	\$282,504	\$282,504	\$67,232	\$349,736

Linda O'Dell, School Superintendent, requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the School Superintendent's Office: \$41,491 for salaries and benefits; \$491 for postage and freight; \$750 for memberships/dues/subscriptions; \$1,000 for professional services/software; \$1,500 for printing/publishing/advertising; \$2,000 for computer hardware maintenance; \$2,000 for training/schools expense; \$12,000 for vehicle fuel and oil; \$6,000 for capital outlay/computers. The total for all requested increases is

\$67,232. Ms. O'Dell also requested that the Board fund a new School Superintendent's office in Payson. She also requested funding for establishing a new accommodation school district to include two new school sites within the County, one to be located in Globe and one in Payson. These two new schools would service disenfranchised children coming out of juvenile detention, as well as the prevention of children going into juvenile detention who are mandated to attend school. Ms. O'Dell did not provide to the Board any cost estimates for the above two items. She also requested an additional vehicle which was not listed in her requests above. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. O'Dell for the presentation.

• **Recorder**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Recorder Nancy Duke	\$551,890	\$551,890	\$102,594	\$654,484

Nancy Duke, Deputy Recorder, presented the budget requests for the Recorder's Office on behalf of Recorder Linda Ortega who was in New York. She requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Recorder's Office: \$78,294 for salaries and benefits; \$4,000 for postage/freight; \$3,500 for memberships, dues, and subscriptions; \$100 for AACO dues; \$600 for telephone; \$800 for printing, publishing and advertising; \$800 for equipment; \$2,000 for maintenance-office machines; \$1,500 for office supplies; \$500 other supplies; \$1,000 for equipment under \$5000; \$500 for unclassified; \$4,000 for travel-routine; and, \$5,000 for lease/purchase. The total for all requested increases is \$102,594. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Duke for the presentation.

• **Assessor**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Assessor Dale Hom	\$756,920	\$756,920	\$55,888	\$812,808

Dale Hom, Assessor, requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Assessor's Office: \$44,039 for salaries and benefits; \$3,849 for office supplies; and \$8,000 for vehicle fuel and oil. The total for all requested increases is \$55,888. Mr. Hom also requested an employee salary increase in the amount \$4,184.22 which was not included in the figures above. Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Hom for the presentation.

• **Treasurer**

Department/ Presenter	2004/2005 Budget	2005/2006 Base	Additional Requests	2005-2006 Proposed
Treasurer Priscilla Knuckey- Ralls	\$418,825	\$406,507	\$45,540	\$452,047

Priscilla Knuckey-Ralls, Treasurer, requested the following additional increases be added to the base budget for the Treasurer's Office: \$32,540 for salaries and benefits; \$3,000 for postage; and, \$10,000 for tax bills/tax roll paper. The total for all requested increases is \$45,540. Ms. Knuckey-Ralls also stated how frustrated she is with the County policy for handling salaries particularly when employees reach the maximum of their salary grade range. Ms. Knuckey-Ralls also stated, *"I want to say this because it's very true. The Board has been very good to me. I've always worked with the old Board. I've worked with Cruz, and I worked with Ron, and Steve and with John, and they've always been very good to me. If I had a problem in my budget, John has taken care of it and, and more than once. I know that, and I'm appreciative of that."* She concluded her presentation by stating, *"The Board has been very good to me. I'm not complaining about the Board. The policy has harmed some of my staff and I can't do anything about that. But I do appreciate this Board. I know that sometimes I don't appear to and I have been rude to Mr. Sanchez and I haven't slept well because of it. I'm not a person that does that. It's--I don't know. I can't tell you how sorry I am that I was rude to you that day. It's laid heavy on my heart, truly, because I'm not like that."* Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms.

Knuckey-Ralls for the presentation. **(Budget materials that were presented will be kept for a period of time in the Clerk of the Board's Office.)**

With regard to County salaries, Steve Besich suggested that one of the commitments of the Board might be to hire a consultant to conduct a study on County salaries, and that the Board commit to funding this study if it can be done at a reasonable price.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk